

Remarks

Independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended to recite one of the dipper stick and the arm member having at least one transversely extending recess and the other of the dipper stick and arm member having a yieldably biased, transversely displaceable protuberance receivable in the recess when the arm member is in the inoperative position. It is submitted that such features are neither disclosed nor taught in the Heiple et al Patent or any of the other references of record.

In view of the foregoing, it further is submitted that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over any of the references of record taken either singularly or in combination. Accordingly, it respectfully is requested that the rejection of Applicant's claims be withdrawn, such claims be allowed and that the application be passed to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees or credit any overpayment of fees in connection with this communication to Deposit Account 19-4375.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter N. Lalos", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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